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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board.

1/ It is understood that this review will also treat the issue of the privatization of pension funds.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

At the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Comparative Experiences with Privatization a Bureau was elected, consisting of a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that it will remain in office during the entire duration of the life of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the fourth session was approved by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its third session.

A proposal for the organization of work of the fourth session is given in section III below.

Item 3: Consideration of the country presentations in the light of a cross-country review by the secretariat of the design, implementation and results of the privatization programmes

At the request of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the UNCTAD secretariat had submitted to the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group a document entitled "Design, implementation and results of privatization programmes: a cross-country analysis of national experiences" (TD/B/WG.3/7/Rev.1). A revised version is being submitted to the fourth session in document TD/B/WG.3/7/Rev.2. This report has been revised in the light of the discussions held at the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group. An addendum to this document treats the topics of (1) privatization and environment, and (2) the privatization of pension funds, which were both raised at the third session.

The cross-country review is based on the country presentations and statements of national experts submitted to the Ad Hoc Working Group from the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Venezuela. Some examples from other country experiences have also been added for illustrative purposes.

The review is organized according to the structure of the work programme adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session. It attempts to compare and synthesize the different elements contained in the country experiences with privatization, as described in the country submissions. Under each topic, a short statement of the issues raised by the country experiences and of related policy conclusions is provided, and illustrative examples are given showing how the issues have been or are being addressed.

Item 4: Elaboration of basic elements for consideration in formulating privatization programmes and plans

The secretariat has prepared a note containing indicative elements for consideration in formulating privatization programmes (TD/B/WG.3/14). This note builds on the draft that was circulated at the third session. These elements have been drawn essentially from the substantive discussions which took place at the first three sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group. An attempt has been made to list the main elements which can provide guidelines and options for the formulation of privatization programmes and which Governments may use, as appropriate, taking into account their particular country situations and experiences.

Item 5: Other business

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

Paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group states that the Working Group "may submit interim reports and shall submit a final report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board".

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III. TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 5 April	10 a.m.	Plenary: Opening of the meeting Item 3: Consideration of the country presentations in the light of a cross-country review by the secretariat of the design, implementation and results of the privatization programmes Item 4: Elaboration of basic elements for consideration in formulating privatization programmes and plans Informal meeting: Item 3 (continued): - Privatization and the environment
	3 p.m.	Informal meeting: Item 3 (continued) - The privatization of pension funds; - Other issues
Wednesday, 6 April	10 a.m.	Informal meeting: Item 4 (continued): Elaboration of basic elements for consideration in formulating privatization programmes and plans
	3 p.m.	idem

Thursday, 7 April	10 a.m.	Informal meeting: Consideration of the draft report to the Board
	3 p.m.	No meeting to allow time for the finalization of the draft report
Friday, 8 April	10 a.m.	idem
	3 p.m.	Plenary: Item 5: Other business Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

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